

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 7, 2005, applicant has amended claim 1 to more particularly point out the inventive features of the claimed combination display frame. Specifically, amended claim 1 points out that the light means focuses light through the opening in the backing associated with semitransparent means. It is believed that this amendment is supported by Figure 2 and the paragraph beginning on page 4 and ending on page 5 of the original application.

Claim 19 has also been amended to add a period at the end of the claim. With this amendment, it is believed that amended claim 19 is no longer objectionable. A marked up version of the claims are attached. No new matter has been entered by virtue of these amendments.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because the drawings do not show the circuit means of claim 3, the fluorescent light source of claim 5, the securing means of claim 11, the adhesive material of claims 14 and 19, and the plurality of clamping devices of claim 14 and 19. Applicant has amended the specification to explain that circuit means is shown on the drawings as wire 44 and the fluorescent light source is shown on the drawings as light means 18. A plurality of clamps 53 is also described in the amended specification and shown in new drawing Fig. 6. Adhesive material 55 is also shown in the new drawing. Both the plurality of clamps 53 and the adhesive material 55 are described as serving as the securing means. A marked up version of the amended paragraph and a new drawing Fig. 6 are attached. No new matter has

been entered by virtue of these amendments.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 as unpatentable over Cook (U.S. Patent No. 2,902,787) in view of Weiner (U.S. Patent No. 4,899,473) under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a). Cook discloses a combination display frame with transparent art pieces and a light means, but does not disclose a plurality of holes. Weiner discloses a plurality of holes in a display frame, but does not disclose a light means to illuminate transparent art pieces. The Examiner considers obvious the modification of Cook by Weiner such that the display frame of Cook would have a plurality of holes.

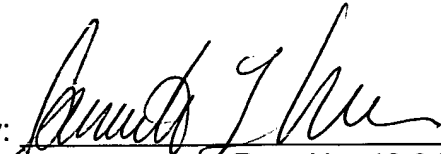
Amended claim 1 requires light means associated with the backing of the display frame to focus light through only the openings, i.e. holes, aligned with the partially transparent piece so as to focus light only through the partially transparent piece. Although Cook discloses a light means and Weiner discloses a plurality of holes, neither Cook nor Weiner discloses specifically lighting only those holes aligned with a transparent piece. Both Cook and Weiner also fail to provide motivation for such a combination. For this reason, it is believed that claim 1 is patentable over Cook in view of Weiner, and claim 1 is, therefore, in condition for allowance. Claims 2-10 depend upon amended claim 1 and it is believed that because amended claim 1 is in condition for allowance that claims 2-10 are in condition for allowance as well.

The Applicant respectfully requests these claims and the application as a whole be reconsidered and suggests that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be

issued in this case.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number No. 50-3021 belonging to Brown Winick Law Firm.

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